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TWELFTH ARMY GROUP
SCI MUNICH

X 645

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: George SPITZ
TO: C.O. X-2 Germany

A. PERSONAL HISTORY

Born 29 March 1893 in Vienna. He is a Jewish Austrian citizen. Before the war SPITZ was an art dealer and also carried on various financial dealings. He spent seventeen years in the United States from 1896 until 1913. After the Austrian Anschluss because of his Jewish blood he moved from Vienna to Belgium where he lived until that country was overrun by the Germans. He then returned to Munich where he carried on his business as an art dealer.

B. NAZI PARTY ACTIVITY

In February 1942 SPITZ was having trouble because of his race in obtaining papers. He finally obtained his papers through Obersturmfuehrer Josef DAUSER, head of Amt VI, Munich. At the end of 1943 DAUSER introduced SPITZ to Fritz SCHWEND alias WENDIG who was involved in making purchases for the RSHA. SCHWEND put pressure on SPITZ to act as one of his buying agents. SPITZ made several trips to Belgium and Holland where he bought paintings using English pounds given to him by SCHWEND.

C. DETAILS OF ARREST

The name of George SPITZ was obtained through an informer who was being used by SCI, Munich. SPITZ was described as having helped the SD in its financial operations. He was picked up at his home and interrogated on 13 May 1945. He is at present living at his home at Beuerberg in provisional liberty.

D. COOPERATION TO DATE

Has furnished information on target personalities and the location of paintings purchased for the RSHA.

E. PROBABILITY OF COOPERATION

SPITZ impressed this officer as reliable, trustworthy and intelligent. He is willing to cooperate and has already given useful information. He has many contacts with people of various classes and it is felt that he can continue to be of value for a long period of time.

F. PRESENT SITUATION

Subject is not in the automatic arrest category and needs no clearance.

G. PLAN FOR OPERATION

SPITZ is living on his farm. It is proposed that when it is feasible that he be allowed to resume his business as an art dealer in Munich. Because of

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his contacts he would be able to furnish us with information of value for a long period of time. It is proposed that before he returns to Munich that he continue to give us information that will enable us to obtain complete information on the activities of the members of Amt II and the location of any personalities who are still at large.

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